

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the superb characteristics of one of the Show-Me State's finest products, the Bar-B-Que sandwich, especially as exemplified by Alford's Bar-B-Que Restaurant in Kennett; and

Whereas, whether lettered as "BBQ", written out with hyphens as "Bar-B-Que" or without as "Barbeque", or spelled with the letter "c" as "Barbecue", Alford's Bar-B-Que holds its own with any competitor anywhere in the world due to its gustatory compilation of slowly smoked meat, tangy sauce, and hearty bread; and

Whereas, in 1953 founders George and Margaret Alford scraped together enough capital to obtain a small building to house their restaurant and enough cash to purchase a Kennett merchant's license; and

Whereas, since their first structure had no restroom, heating or air conditioning, and had seating only for four customers, takeout business was brisk; and

Whereas, walking home while the Bar-B-Que was still hot was not a problem due to Alford's convenient location on the north side of town between the highway bypass, the segregated school, and the neighborhood which housed most of Kennett's black citizens; and

Whereas, as word spread of the truly delightful pleasures found coming from the restaurant's kitchen and as the times changed, Alford's had to expand its seating to accommodate up to twenty-four customers at a time; and

Whereas, son Don came home from Chicago in 1967, and in 1987 Alford's purchased the former A&W on the main east-west road through town, expanded seating to forty-eight, and continued a family cooking tradition that is impossible to improve on since it represents true perfection already:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the quality and longevity associated with Alford's Bar-B-Que Restaurant and to convey to current operators, Don and Mary Ellen Alford, this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of their establishment's founding; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Alford's Bar-B-Que Restaurant in Kennett, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
District No. 163

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2448, adopted May 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker